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MILITARY DEPARTMENT, 28TH AUGUST 1889, No. 5870.

On reference to clause 174, Army Circulars, India, 1885, it will be observed that the establishment at present sanctioned is as under:—

Ranks.	Bengal.	Madras.	Bombay.	Total.
Non-commissioned officers, Royal Engineers.				
Havildars	8	8	4	20
Naiks	2	2	1	5
Sappers	3	3	1	7
	32	32	16	80

While, there fore three more havildars and one additional naik will be required, a reduction of twelve non-commissioned officers, Royal Engineers, and 32 Sappers can be effected.

5. A question that arises in connection with this scheme is the distribution between the three corps of Sappers and Miners of the total establishment detailed in the preceding paragraph. At present the strength of the telegraph sections in the Bengal and Madras corps is double that in the Bombay corps; but this proportion cannot be maintained if four squads are to be always at the disposal of the Director-General of Telegraphs, with four squads in reserve.

I am to suggest, as a suitable arrangement, the allotment of three squads to Bengal, three to Madras, and two to Bombay, each squad consisting of—

Non-commissioned officer, Royal Engineers	...	...	...	1
Havildar	...	...	...	1
Naik	...	...	...	1
Sappers	...	...	...	6

6. As regards the provision and relief of the officers of Royal Engineers required under the present proposals, I am to remark that there are five officers available in the A Companies of the Bengal and Madras Sappers and Miners and the A half company of the Bombay Corps. As these companies are practically kept up solely for telegraph and pontooning service, there should be no difficulty in sparing three officers out of five for instruction and practice in telegraph duties. Each officer is to serve eighteen months in the Telegraph Department, and afterwards to return to his normal employment, and it is assumed that, as a rule, the same officer would not be eligible, at any rate for some time, to go through a second telegraph course. The object being to provide a reasonable reserve of Royal Engineer officers trained in telegraph work, the Commander-in-Chief is disposed to recommend that the analogy of the sub-marine mining service should be followed. Each officer while undergoing his preliminary six months' training would be paid as a company officer or company commander of Sappers and Miners. On the termination of this period of training, according as he was a company commander or company officer, in the Military Works Department if belonging to the Bengal Presidency, and in the Public Works Department if belonging to Madras or Bombay. At the end of his eighteen months' tour of telegraph duty, the officer would have the option of reverting to his original appointment in the Sappers and Miners, or of joining the Military Works or Public Works Department with his departmental grading for eventual absorption in the establishment of either department.

In the event of an officer choosing departmental employ at the termination of his telegraph course, his place would be filled up in the corps of Sappers and Miners to which he previously belonged, but not otherwise, and no officiating appointments as company commander or company officer would be made in the Corps of Sappers and Miners to replace officers detailed for telegraph duty under this scheme.

7. [Your paras. 2 and 3]. His Excellency concurs in the views expressed by the Government of India.

8. [Your paras. 4, 5 and 6]. The Commander-in-Chief trusts that the reduction in the total strength of the present telegraph sections, which the adoption of the proposals of the Director-General of Telegraphs will effect, may counterbalance the additional charges for the staff and working pay of officers, non-commissioned officers and men during the last twelve months of each course of instruction and practice in telegraph duties. There will also be a considerable saving in the matter of equipment, on which a good deal of money has hitherto been spent.

The regimental and engineer pay of a non-commissioned officer of Royal Engineers may probably be roughly estimated at Rs. 125 per mensem, so that under this head alone there would be a monthly saving of Rs. 1,500.

9. In conclusion, I am to say that His Excellency would desire to record his appreciation of the able manner in which this somewhat difficult and complicated problem has been dealt with by Colonel Mallock.

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Copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Director-General of Telegraphs; dated Simla, the 6th June 1889, No. 1420-B (Organization—Native Army).

In reply to your No. 1480, dated the 30th May 1889, I am desired to say that, pending a decision of the question of the re-organization of the telegraph sections in the Corps of Sappers and Miners in the three Presidencies, which it is hoped will be arrived at shortly, the issue of telegraph stores to Sapper Corps in compliance with any indents that may be received should be deferred.

2. The enclosures of your letter are herewith returned as requested.

No. 343.

ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1889, No. 5870.

Communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 5275, dated 6th August 1889.

(True Extract.)

Wm. Herbert
Brigdr.-Genl.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.

" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Inspector-General of Ordnance, for information.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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To THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
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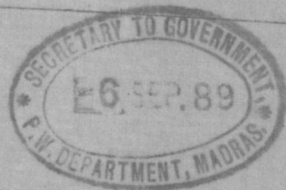
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G.O., 28th August 1889, No. 5870.



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Nos. 342-343.

Organization—Telegraph
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Sappers and Miners.—Letter from the Government of India intimating that instructions have been issued to defer the supply of telegraph stores to — pending a decision on certain proposals relative to the re-organization of the telegraph sections in the Sapper Corps in the three Presidencies, communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

With order
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No. 2523 11/12 Sept 1889

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